

REMARKS

The present application was filed on September 29, 2003 with claims 1-20. In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner required restriction of claims 1-20 of the above-referenced application to one of the following groups of claims: claims 1-19 (Group I); and claim 20 (Group II).

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement. The Examiner argues that a device having a wire bond between the at least one bond pad and the lead of a frame would be "materially different" than what is claimed in claim 20. Applicants disagree, in that such an arrangement would be covered by, and thus not materially different from, the integrated circuit claim. Accordingly, Applicants assert that the restriction requirement is improper and should be withdrawn. Moreover, there would be no undue burden in prosecuting claims 1-20 together.

In the event the outstanding restriction requirement is not withdrawn, Applicants hereby elect to traverse the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 1-19, for prosecution on the merits, and hereby cancel without prejudice claim 20.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Griffith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" and last name "Griffith" clearly distinguishable.

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